

All District Engineers

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Special Provision for Notched Wedge Longitudinal Joint

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This special provision was developed by the Drop-Off Committee.

It should be inserted in contracts where bituminous concrete binder course is placed in 57 mm (2 1/4 in.) or greater lifts on pavement that is open to traffic.

The districts should include the BDE Check Sheet marked with the applicable special provisions for the July 30, 2004 and subsequent lettings. The Project Development and Implementation Section will include a copy in the contract.

This special provision will be available on the transfer directory April 16, 2004.

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NOTCHED WEDGE LONGITUDINAL JOINT (BDE)

Effective: July 1, 2004

Description. This work shall consist of constructing a notched wedge longitudinal joint between successive passes of bituminous concrete binder course that is placed in 57 mm (2 1/4 in.) or greater lifts on pavement that is open to traffic.

The notched wedge longitudinal joint shall consist of a 25 to 38 mm (1 to 1 1/2 in.) vertical notch at the centerline or lane line, a 230 to 300 mm (9 to 12 in.) uniform taper extending into the open lane, and a second 25 to 38 mm (1 to 1 1/2 in.) vertical notch (see Figure 1).

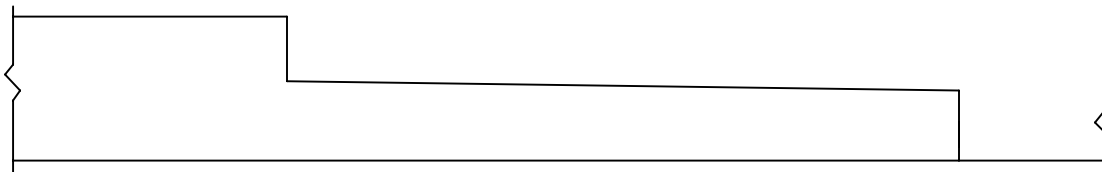


Figure 1

Equipment. Equipment shall meet the following requirements:

- a) Strike Off Device. The strike off device shall produce the notches and wedge of the joint and shall be adjustable. The device shall be attached to the paver and shall not restrict operation of the main screed.
- b) Wedge Roller. The wedge roller shall have a minimum diameter of 300 mm (12 in.), a minimum weight of 9 N/mm (50 lb/in.) of width, and a width equal to the wedge. The roller shall be attached to the paver.

CONSTRUCTION REQUIREMENTS

Joint Construction. The notched wedge longitudinal joint shall be formed by the strike off device on the paver. The wedge shall then be compacted by the joint roller.

Compaction. Initial compaction of the wedge shall be as close to final density as possible. Final density requirements of the entire binder mat, including the wedge, shall remain unchanged.

Prime Coat. Immediately prior to placing the adjacent lift of binder, the bituminous material specified for the mainline prime coat shall be applied to the entire face of the notched wedge longitudinal joint. The material shall be uniformly applied at a rate of 0.2 to 0.5 L/sq m (0.05 to 0.1 gal/sq yd).

Method of Measurement. The notched wedge longitudinal joint will not be measured for payment.

The prime coat will be measured for payment according to Article 406.23 of the Standard Specifications.

Basis of Payment. The work of constructing the notched wedge longitudinal joint will not be paid for separately but shall be considered as included in the cost of the bituminous concrete binder course being constructed.

The prime coat will be paid for according to Article 406.24 of the Standard Specifications.

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